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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

JOINT RESOLUTION

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$25,000,000 TO THE RHODE ISLAND DIVISION OF STATEWIDE PLANNING (RIDSP) TO FUND THE STATEWIDE BICYCLE MOBILITY PLAN (BMP)

Introduced By: Representatives Tanzi, Cortvriend, Boylan, Speakman, Vella-Wilkinson, Handy, Fogarty, Spears, Potter, and Kislak

Date Introduced: March 01, 2023

Referred To: House Finance

1 WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Bicycle Mobility (the "Plan" or "BMP") is the first
2 statewide initiative to expand the bicycle network strategically; and

3 WHEREAS, There is a critical need to fill network gaps, overcome gaps along the State's
4 many bridges, and fix incomplete streets; and

5 WHEREAS, In order to do this, the plan has identified a wide range of bicycle enhanced
6 corridors, programs, and policies recommended to achieve the vision for cycling in the State and
7 to address equity and differences in access between communities; and

8 WHEREAS, The plan seeks to develop stronger statewide bicycle transportation policies,
9 bicyclist and driver education programs, and improvements in safety and maintenance; and

10 WHEREAS, In addition, the plan will integrate bicycles with transit and other modes of
11 transportation, leverage bicycle transportation to promote economic development, and promote
12 equity in bicycle planning and funding; and

13 WHEREAS, The plan will also improve public health through bicycling, and promote
14 bicycle transportation for state employees by establishing a bicycle network that connects people
15 and places so that riding a bicycle in Rhode Island is safe and fun for all ages; now, therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That there is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not
17 otherwise appropriated for the fiscal year 2023-2024, the sum of twenty-five million dollars
18 (\$25,000,000) to the Rhode Island Division of Statewide Planning to fund the Statewide Bicycle
19 Mobility Plan; and the state controller is hereby authorized and directed to draw his orders upon

- 1 the general treasurer for the payment of said sum, or so much thereof as may be from time to time
- 2 required, upon receipt of properly authenticated vouchers.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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PLAN (BMP)

- 1 This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$25,000,000 to the
- 2 Rhode Island Division of Statewide Planning to fund the Bicycle Mobility Plan.

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